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STATE CONTROLLER KATHLEEN CONNELL ISSUES STATE FUNDS TO RENOVATE STATE HISTORICAL LANDMARK

\$100,000 Allocated For Manhattan Beach Pier Roundhouse Rehabilitation

Sacramento, November 28, 2001 – State Controller Kathleen Connell today issued a payment of \$100,000 to the city of Manhattan Beach, located in Los Angeles County, for the renovation of the Roundhouse Building at the west end of the Manhattan Beach Pier.

Designated California State Historical Landmark No. 1018, the Pier was designed by City Engineer A.L. Harris and was constructed by the City of Manhattan Beach during the years 1917-1920. The Roundhouse building was added a year later. Harris' innovative design featured a rounded end to the pier, which helped it withstand the pounding of the Pacific. Although the roundhouse was reconstructed in 1989, the Pier itself survives as southern California's oldest remaining example of early reinforced concrete pier construction.

"I am pleased to release these funds to preserve this piece of California's history," Controller Connell Said. "Maintaining California's culture and heritage depends on the preservation and restoration of our State's historical landmarks."

The comprehensive renovation of the Roundhouse will include upgrading ventilation and electrical systems, replacing flooring, wallboard, windows and general weatherproofing of the structure.

The funds were allocated under the Budget Act.

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